



Louisiana Crop Progress and Condition Report

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Louisiana, there were 6.7 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, July 1, 2018. Topsoil moisture supplies were 17 percent very short, 37 percent short, 45 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 4 percent very short, 50 percent short, 45 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 72.3 degrees Fahrenheit at Homer and Leesville to 79.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Galliano and New Orleans. Highs ranged from 90.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Lake Providence to 99.3 degrees Fahrenheit at Minden. The precipitation for this week was minimal throughout the State, with the highest concentration in the east central part of the State with an average of 0.85 inch.

Crop progress for week ending July 1, 2018

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn, silked	100	99	100	99
Corn, dough	78	43	80	61
Corn, dent	40	7	39	15
Cotton, squaring	89	83	83	75
Cotton, setting bolls	36	7	29	19
Hay, first cutting	99	96	95	92
Hay, second cutting	34	21	25	16
Rice, headed	43	31	45	46
Sorghum, headed	69	49	72	73
Sorghum, coloring	18	0	14	11
Soybeans, blooming	82	73	82	67
Soybeans, setting pods	63	35	42	30
Sweet potatoes, planted	99	94	98	95

Crop condition for week ending July 1, 2018

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn	1	5	42	47	5
Cotton	0	12	45	38	5
Livestock	2	7	34	51	6
Pasture	7	14	40	35	4
Rice	0	4	23	62	11
Sorghum	0	3	81	16	0
Soybeans	5	11	36	37	11
Sugarcane	0	9	31	45	15
Sweet potatoes	1	5	34	60	0
Vegetables	4	12	39	43	2

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service Parish Agents

“With much needed rain, vegetables and pastures were a welcoming relief. Most of our spring gardens are shutting down with the exception of eggplants, peppers, and other hot weather crops. We are in the peak production of watermelons and cantaloupes, and the rain did wonders for those crops.”

–Henry Harrison, Washington Parish

“The area continued to receive scattered rains which helped crop growth. Sugarcane height remains below average in most areas, and most sugarcane producers had been busy spraying. Some soybean fields had been sprayed with fungicides and for stinkbugs. Pastures had struggles with low rains. Home garden production had slowed with excessive heat and increased insect pressure. Entire area could use more rain.”

– Blair Herbert, Iberia Parish

“Rice is heading out nice. Some farmers will drain their fields next week to prepare their fields for harvesting. Reports of blast are coming in, but not many. Sheath blight numbers are rising. Soybeans look good with some older fields setting pods while some fields are still in the vegetative stage.”

– Jeremy Herbert, Acadia Parish

“All agriculture production areas have been affected by drought conditions. We have not received any beneficial rains over the last ten days or so. Yield potential continues to drop off. The rice crop made progress heading and reaching maturity with the high temperature. Hay fields and livestock grazing pastures have not provided much growth, therefore limiting grazing and hay production. Hay will be short this year.”

–Vincent Deshotel, Saint Landry Parish

“Localized thunderstorms created uneven moisture in the region. Summer crops are generally doing well, but lingering spring crops are wrapping up.”

– Anna Timmerman, Jefferson Parish

Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending July 1, 2018

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Northwest										
Minden	99.3	77.9	88.6	80.9	7.7	0.00	0	-1.17	0.55	-4.15
Mooringsport	97.0	75.3	86.1	81.9	4.2	0.00	0	-1.08	2.72	-1.98
Red River	94.8	76.2	85.5	82.0	3.6	0.00	0	-0.80	0.96	-3.16
Shreveport	96.6	74.6	85.6	81.6	4.0	0.00	0	-1.21	2.08	-1.30
Extreme/Average	96.9	76.0	86.4	81.6	4.9	0.00	0	-1.06	1.58	-2.65
North central										
Calhoun	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	80.0	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Farmerville	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	81.0	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Homer	96.0	72.3	84.1	79.2	5.0	0.04	2	-1.10	2.21	-2.15
Extreme/Average	96.0	72.3	84.1	80.1	5.0	0.04	2	-1.10	2.21	-2.15
Northeast										
Lake Providence	90.0	73.9	81.9	81.5	0.4	0.03	1	-0.85	4.60	0.74
St Joseph	95.6	74.0	84.8	82.0	2.8	0.00	0	-0.92	1.57	-2.14
Tallulah	93.0	74.0	83.5	81.1	2.5	0.00	0	-0.29	0.30	-0.89
Winnsboro	95.0	76.0	85.5	81.8	4.0	0.00	0	-0.32	1.64	-2.04
Extreme/Average	93.4	74.5	83.9	81.6	2.4	0.01	1	-0.59	2.03	-1.08
West central										
Ashland	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	80.3	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Hodges Gardens	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	81.4	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Leesville	95.3	72.3	83.8	80.3	3.5	(NA)	0	-1.18	2.53	-2.23
Natchitoches	97.4	77.0	87.2	82.5	4.7	0.00	0	-1.29	2.36	-2.35
Extreme/Average	96.3	74.7	85.5	81.1	4.1	0.00	0	-1.23	2.44	-2.29
Central										
Alexandria	95.7	75.7	85.7	82.3	3.4	0.00	0	-1.36	3.38	-1.70
Bunkie	95.0	75.1	85.1	81.6	3.4	0.40	1	-0.78	4.55	-0.51
Eunice	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	83.1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Jonesville Locks	93.6	75.3	84.4	81.7	2.7	0.00	0	-1.13	1.67	-2.05
New Roads	97.6	76.9	87.2	82.3	4.9	0.00	0	-1.31	2.19	-2.31
Extreme/Average	95.5	75.8	85.6	82.2	3.6	0.10	1	-1.15	2.95	-1.64
East central										
Baton Rouge	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	0.80	2	-0.92	5.92	-0.54
Hammond	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	81.0	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Norwood	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	0.14	1	(NA)	2.96	(NA)
Slidell	94.3	76.1	85.2	81.4	3.8	1.60	1	0.22	2.41	-2.85
Extreme/Average	94.3	76.1	85.2	81.2	3.8	0.85	2	-0.35	3.76	-1.70
Southwest										
Crowley	93.3	76.0	84.6	81.8	2.8	0.07	1	-1.60	2.06	-4.53
DeRidder	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	81.5	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Jennings	92.3	75.0	83.6	81.7	1.9	0.01	1	-1.59	2.86	-3.43
Oberlin Fire	90.7	74.1	82.4	81.2	1.2	0.00	0	-1.63	5.20	-1.05
Extreme/Average	92.1	75.0	83.6	81.6	2.0	0.03	1	-1.61	3.37	-3.00
South central										
Donaldsonville	94.1	74.7	84.4	81.4	3.0	0.13	1	-1.58	4.00	-2.75
Jeanerette	92.0	75.1	83.6	81.8	1.8	0.51	3	-1.56	5.42	-2.20
Lafayette	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	81.3	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Morgan City	91.3	77.9	84.6	81.5	3.0	0.27	2	-1.61	2.25	-4.35
Extreme/Average	92.5	75.9	84.2	81.5	2.6	0.30	3	-1.58	3.89	-3.10
Southeast										
Galliano	92.4	79.0	85.7	81.8	3.9	1.47	3	-0.43	4.82	-1.61
Gonzales	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	0.10	1	-1.59	5.50	-0.91
Grand Isle	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
New Orleans	97.0	79.0	88.0	83.6	4.6	0.02	1	-0.23	4.93	-0.37
Extreme/Average	94.7	79.0	86.9	82.7	4.3	0.53	3	-0.75	5.08	-0.96
State	94.6	75.5	85.0	81.6	3.6	0.20	1	-1.06	3.11	-2.02

(NA) Not available.
Normal = Averaged collected data from 1981-2010.
DFN = Departure From Normal.